(vii) Design of a landing jetty at Amini Islands, Lakshadweep.

(viii) Pipeline route survey for British Gas at Pipevav, Gujarat.

These projects and investigations help in the development of offshore activities.

Discovery of Major Archaeological Site in Gulf of Cambay

4386. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to State :

(a) whether a major archaeological site has been discovered in the Gulf of Cambay similar to those found in Harappan and pre-Harappan sites;

(b) is so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the site would be declared a national monument to be preserved by the Archaeological Survey of India ?

THE MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) and (b) National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai while carrying out multidisciplinary underwater surveys of the Gujarat coast during October, 2000 to March, 2001, located archaeological sites in the Gulf of Cambay at 30 to 40 m water depth. The site is seen to extend over a length of 9 km West of Hazira. The state of the art side scan sonar surveys have picked up images which reveal geometric objects, which are normally man made. The area is seen to be lined with well-laid house basement like features partially covered by sand waves and ripples. Whether these sites are Harappan or Pre-Harappan can be determined after detailed surveys and investigations.

(c) According to Archaeological Survey of India this site cannot be declared a National Monument at this stage, as the findings have to be confirmed through detailed surveys and investigations.

Entry of unauthorised vendors in A.C. Coaches at Secunderabad

4387. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to State :

(a) whether complaints have been received at Secunderabad Railway Station, regarding unauthorised vendors entering the A.C. coaches;